



# BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICES At a Glance

## COVID-19 DDA Services

*Temporary changes, effective March 13, 2020, and Revised December 17, 2021*

### Service Delivery Flexibilities

- May be provided over the phone, or by Skype, Zoom, Facetime, etc. to allow services to continue to be provided remotely in the home and community settings **(Ends on March 31, 2022 for Brief Support Implemental Services)**
- May be provided in a variety of settings such as residential sites, family homes, and other community settings **(Ended on August 15, 2021)**
- May be provided at the same time as the direct provision of Respite Care Services **(Ends on March 31, 2022)**
- May develop Emergency Safety Plans when the person has to social isolate or is quarantined **(Ends on March 31, 2022)**

### Staffing Flexibilities

- A provider organization's director or MANDT trainer, who are not otherwise licensed to write Behavior Plans, may develop temporary Emergency Safety Plans **(Ends on March 31, 2022)**
- The following people may provide this service during the emergency: special education teachers and instructional assistants **(Ends on March 31, 2022)**
- In addition, providers, agencies, and entities authorized, certified, or approved by: Medicaid for Applied Behavioral Analysis, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), local school systems, and non-public schools for mental health professionals may become a provider **(Ends on March 31, 2022)**

### Service Authority Flexibilities

- May be provided without prior authorization by the DDA **(Ends on March 31, 2022)**

**Visit our website for additional COVID-19 resources:**  
[https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA\\_Appendix\\_K.aspx](https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_Appendix_K.aspx)

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